

BERGEN STABLES

Racing Brochure

Bergen Stables

Racing Partnership



ROMANCING THE CAT

- YEARLING COLT
- FOALED APRIL 6, 2016
- BY COURAGEOUS CAT - ROMANOVA
- AKA "Little Bugger"

The Fun and Perks of Racehorse Ownership

Visit with your horse on the farm
Follow it's development into a racehorse
See your horse training at the track
Vote on what races to enter
Be with your horse in the paddock
Meet with jockeys and trainers
Updates via email, website, and phone
Purse earnings and NY Owner Awards

Meet other partners and form lasting friendships
Bonding with your horse can be very therapeutic
The Sport Of Kings is a lifestyle like no other
A rewarding, exciting, and prideful experience

With a strong foundation, excellent training and some luck, you could be participating in the Triple Crown or Breeder's Cup



ROMANCING THE CAT, at two months old, playing with his Dam, Romanova.

Partnership Info

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Why Bergen Stables?

THE HORSE ALWAYS COMES FIRST! We breed our own from our broodmares so there is never any mark-up on a horse. We give the horse to the partnership - proving we are in it to win it! Bergen Stables will have shares in the partnership and receive all NY Breeder Awards. Bergen Stables charges no commission or management fees. Bergen Stables only earns money when you do!

All partnerships will be a registered LLC in the name of the horse. Quarterly expense and account balance reports will be provided to all partners.

We encourage all partners to become involved, including visiting with your horse. Bergen Stables will make most of the day to day decisions and will always have final say in regards to the horses health, safety and well-being. We welcome input from the partners who will be asked to vote on race entries, minor care, as well as if and when to sell or retire the horse.

Partners wishing to obtain an owners license, which could be required depending on your percentage of ownership, will receive our assistance in obtaining your owners license.

Bergen Stables will automatically donate 1% of any and all winnings received by the partnership to a thoroughbred retirement.

The feeling of breeding and raising a foal to become a racehorse and stand with your horse in the Winner's Circle is overwhelming. The goal of Bergen Stables is to involve more fans in this exhilarating sport and witness the performance of these magnificent athletes!



Romancing the Cat

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Why New York Bred?

New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation administers an awards and incentives program for thoroughbreds foaled in New York and who race on New York tracks. The program was developed in 1973.

There are over 67 stakes races scheduled annually by the New York Racing Association and Finger Lakes Racing Association exclusively for a registered New York bred. In addition, there are over 800 races written each year in the state covering a wide range of conditions for a registered New York bred.



Romancing the Cat

Where will my horse be stabled?

From the time your horse is foaled until the summer of its yearling year, it will be on a farm in Gardiner, NY where your horse will receive the superb care needed for early development.

When your horse is a yearling, it will go to Ghent, NY toward the end of the year for "basic training" camp. Your horse will learn to jog, gallop, and handle the gate, as well as develop mentally and physically into a racehorse.

In the winter, your horse will return home for break, and in the spring of your horse's two year old year, it will return to the training center until the beginning of summer.

After returning home for a very short break, your horse is paired with a trainer. The trainer will then begin working with your horse at a racetrack, where it will be stabled in preparation of its first race. Your horse will continue with the trainer for the life of its racing career.

If and when the horse needs a lay-up due to injury or just needing a rest, it will return to Gardiner, NY.

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When Is The Return On My Investment?

The emotional and therapeutic return from bonding with you horse is immediate!

The feeling of pride and accomplishment from starting with your horse as a foal to seeing him go through the starting gate when it springs open can't be matched!

When your horse wins a race, purse earnings are deposited into the partnership account and distributed - less any expenses.

If the horse is entered into a claiming race by a vote of the partners and is claimed, all money in the account will then be distributed accordingly - less any expenses. This will end the partnership.

If the horse is sold through a partnership vote, all money in the account will be distributed accordingly - less any expenses. This will end the partnership.

Should the partnership be fortunate enough to have a stakes quality male horse, which is a colt or horse, the opportunity to have a stallion may exist. We cannot speculate on value but there is the possibility that it could equal winning a lottery!

Should the partnership be fortunate enough to have a stakes quality female horse, which is a filly or a mare, the opportunity to have a broodmare may exist. We can then sell or race her progeny, which is offspring, for many years to come!



13 months old

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What happens when my horse is injured?

If an injury occurs, the situation is evaluated and sometimes hard decisions will need to be made. Partners will be informed about the situation and asked for their input. The final rule will always be made as to what is in the best interest for your horse regarding its health and well being. The athlete, not the partnership, will always come first regarding an injury.

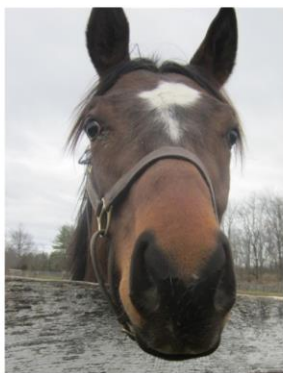
What happens when my horse is retired?

Your horse's racing career could end due to an injury or because it is no longer competitive and it would be in your horse's best interest to retire. If your horse is not able to be a stallion or a broodmare, it will be placed on a thoroughbred retirement farm. A partner could also ask to have the horse as a companion but is only possible if Bergen Stables approves that partner has the proper means to care for and stable the horse.

What If I Want To Sell My Interest In The Partnership?

You can sell, gift and will your partnership interest providing that person signs a continuing agreement and must abide by all partnership rules and conduct.

Bergen Stables, not the partnership, will always take back any horse that the partnership sells, retires or gives away if it can no longer be properly cared for.



actual 1 year old

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What Is Covered In My Initial Investment?

Your ownership investment covers registration fees, ordinary vet and farrier fees, boarding, feed and vitamins, grooming and dental, training, accounting, advertising and social media until January 1st (the birthday of thoroughbreds in the Northern Hemisphere) of your horse's 3 year old year. Illness or injury is not included because it is an unexpected expense.

There exist no mark-up on the above expenses. Bergen Stables believes this will give partners a better opportunity for a positive return on their investment with us than with any other thoroughbred racing partnership in existence.



a few hours old

What Are The Ongoing Expenses After My Horse turns 3?

The idea is to have your horse earn his own keep so there are no expenses but hopefully a surplus. If this does not happen due to your horse being injured, not coming in the money, requiring lay-up, extra training or any other reason, the partnership needs to cover expenses. Each partner would be responsible for their portion of expenses according to the shares owned.

What Establishes Value Of A Yearling Going To Partnership?

Bergen Stables uses all costs included in your initial investment, the cost to care for the broodmare while in foal (approximately 11 months), the actual foaling and foal care costs and the stallion's stud fee (if any) to figure the valuation.

Pedigree Info

COURAGEOUS CAT, foaled 2006



Won At 3 -
National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S G2
A Gift S
A maiden special weight race at Bel

2nd AT 3 -
TVG Breeders' Cup Mile G1

3rd At 3 -
Jamaica H G2

Won At 4 -
Canadian Turf S G3

3rd At 4 -
Shadwell Turf Mile S G1

Won At 5 -
Shoemaker Mile S G1
Poker S G3

2nd At 5 -
Ricoh Woodbine Mile S G1

COURAGEOUS CAT Has Sired:

SCHOOL BOARD PREZ, 3, f (A++), dam by Torrential, 2nd dam by Seattle Song): Over \$323,000, Kevin Goemmer Tah Dah S, John W. Galbreath S, Miss Ohio S, at 2, 2015. Still active.

From his first crop of racing age, 2-yr-olds of 2015, winner **Kara's Angel**, etc.

Pedigree Info

SIRE LINE

COURAGEOUS CAT is by **STORM CAT**, stakes winner of 4 races, \$570,610, Young America S (gr. I), 2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I), World Appeal S.

To October 31, 2015: Sired 21 crops, 1,414 foals, 1,108 runners (78%), 805 winners (57%), 290 2yo winners (21%), 181 stakes winners (13%), 2.95 AEI, 3.20 CI, 462 sale yearlings average \$692,192, 15.57 TNA.

STORM CAT has sired **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (Horse of the Year in Eur. champion 3yo colt in Eng and Ire.), **BLACK MINNALOUSHE** (champion 3yo colt in Ire.), **STORM FLAG FLYING** (champion 2yo filly), **SWEET CATOMINE** (champion 2yo filly), **HOLD THAT TIGER** (champion 2yo colt in Eur.), **ALJABR** (champion 2yo colt in Eur.), **ONE COOL CAT** (champion 2yo colt in Eur. champion 3yo colt in Eng. and Ire.), **HEART SHAPED** (champion 2yo filly in Ire.), **DENEBOLA** (champion 2yo filly in Fr.), **MISTLE CAT** (champion older male in Italy), **CATRAIL** (champion 3yo colt and older male in Eng. champion 3yo colt in Eur.), **MUNAAJI** (champion 3yo colt in Ger.), **SHIMAH** (champion 2yo filly in Ire.), **AMBITIOUS CAT** (champion turf female in Can.), **SILKEN CAT** (champion 2yo filly in Can.), **TABASCO CAT** (Preakness S, gr. I, Belmont S, gr. I, etc.), **SHARP CAT** (Acorn S, gr. I, Beldame S, gr. I, Hollywood Starlet S, gr. I, etc.), **FINDER'S FEE** (Acorn S, gr. I, etc.), **NEBRASKA TORNADO** (Prix de Diane Hermes-French Oaks, Fr-I, NetJets Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, Fr-I, etc.), **CAT THIEF** (Breeders' Cup Classic, gr. I, Swaps S, gr. I, etc.), **LIFE IS SWEET** (Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, gr. IA, etc.), **BLUEGRASS CAT** (gr. I), **RAGING FEVER** (gr. I), **HIGH YIELD** (gr. I), **GOOD REWARD** (gr. IT), **Dark Cheetah** (champion 3yo colt in Ire.), etc.

STORM CAT'S other sons as stallions include **HARLAN** (99 foals, 6 SW, 2.77 AEI), **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (2,163 foals, 175 SW, 1.83 AEI), **Freud** (919 foals, 44 SW, 1.65 AEI), **Easing Along** (740 foals, 39 SW, 1.64 AEI), **TRUE CAUSE**, **HENNESSY**, **BERNSTEIN**, **PURE PRIZE**, **TALE OF THE CAT**, **STORMY ATLANTIC**, **FORESTRY**, **FOREST WILDCAT**, etc.

COURAGEOUS CAT stands at Questroyal Stud North.

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COURAGEOUS CAT/ROMANOVA DP = 3-3-10-2-0 (18) DI = 1.57 CD = 0.39; GSV = 60.23

ROMANCING THE CAT (USA) dkb/br. 2016	(Sire)	COURAGEOUS CAT (USA) b. 2006 15-6-3-2 \$1,165,760	STORM CAT (USA) br. 1983 8-4-3-0 \$570,610	STORM BIRD (CAN) b. 1978	NORTHERN DANCER (CAN)	b. 1961 [BC]	2-d
		TRANQUILITY LAKE (USA) b. 1995 27-11-7-3 \$1,662,390	RAHY (USA) ch. 1985	TERLINGUA (USA)* ch. 1976	SOUTH OCEAN (CAN)	b. 1967	4-j
				SECRETARIAT (USA)	ch. 1970 [IC]	2-s	
				CRIMSON SAINT (USA)	ch. 1969	8-c	
				BLUSHING GROOM (FR)	ch. 1974 [BC]	22-d	
				GLORIOUS SONG (CAN)	b. 1976	12-c	
	(Dam)	ROMANOVA (USA) ch. 2008 40-4-5-6 \$44,644	BURNING ROMA (USA) b. 1998 36-13-5-7 \$1,500,200	RUBIANO (USA) gr. 1987	DANZIG (USA)	b. 1977 [IC]	7-a
					COLD HEARTED (USA)	b. 1974	3-n
					FAPPIANO (USA)	b. 1977 [IC]	16-a
					RUBY SLIPPERS (USA)	gr. 1982	3-o
					OVERSKATE (CAN)	ch. 1975	22-b
			REVERIE (USA) ch. 1992 2-0-0-0 \$106	NIJINSKY (CAN) b. 1967 [CS]	FIDDLESTICKS (USA)	b. 1976	8-h
					NORTHERN DANCER (CAN)	b. 1961 [BC]	2-d
					FLAMING PAGE (CAN)	b. 1959	8-f
					BUCKPASSER (USA)	b. 1963 [C]	1-x
					GO TO BED (USA)	dkb/br. 1966	9-b

Pedigree Info

FAMILY

1st dam TRANQUILITY LAKE. 11 wins, 3 to 6, \$1,662,390, Yellow Ribbon S (gr. IT), Gamely Breeders' Cup H (gr. IT), Clement L. Hirsch H (gr. II), Santa Barbara H (gr. IIT), Palomar H (gr. IIT) twice, Wilshire H (gr. IIIT), Royal Heroine S, Bold Ballet S, 2nd Matriarch S (gr. IT), Yellow Ribbon S (gr. IT), Ramona H (gr. IT), Gamely Breeders' Cup H (gr. IT), Beverly Hills H (gr. IT), Matlara S, Possibly Perfect S, 3rd Del Mar Oaks (gr. IT), La Brea S (gr. I), San Clemente H (gr. IIT).

Dam of 7 foals, including— **COURAGEOUS CAT** (Subject stallion). **AFTER MARKET** (by Storm Cat). 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$903,685, Eddie Read H (gr. IT), Charles Whittingham Memorial H (gr. IT), Del Mar H (gr. IIT), National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Breeders' Cup S (gr. IIT), Lexington S (gr. IIIT), Inglewood H (gr. IIIT), 2nd Kelso H (gr. IIT). Sire, 1.18 AEI.

JALIL (Storm Cat). 4 wins at 3 and 4 in UAE and Eng, placed in NA, \$345,788, Sakhee Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge-Round 3 (UAEII), 3rd Waquoit S.

2nd dam Winters' Love. Winner at 2, \$48,911, 3rd Astarita S (gr. II), Schuylerville S (gr. III), Kilijaro S, Glade S.

Dam of 13 foals, including— **BENCHMARK.** 7 wins, 4 to 6, \$636,707, Sire, 1.21 AEI.

KING CRIMSON. 3 wins, 3 to 6, \$112,291.

HOPE FOR GOLD. 5 wins, 2 to 7, \$93,591.

SYRIAN WINTER. Winner at 3, \$51,950. Producer. Granddam of **FOXY SARA** (\$119,792).

HUJJAB. Winner at 3 in Eng. Producer. Granddam of **SILPORT** (\$4,617,358.).

SOUND OF HEART (\$2,010,765).

CAFE BRILLIANT (\$1,228,785).

3rd dam COLD HEARTED. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$59,353, Poinsettia S.

Dam of 13 foals, including— **CAVEAT.** 6 wins at 2 and 3, \$542,190, Sire, 1.92 AEI.

DEW LINE. 8 wins, 2 to 5, \$413,748.

BALTIC CHILL. 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$213,638, Producer.

Pedigree Info

ROMANOVA, foaled 2008



ROMANOVA won four races while finishing in the money eleven times, earning \$44,644.

Her broodmare career consists of:

2015 colt by Andiron (A P Indy)

2016 colt by Courageous Cat (Storm Cat)

currently in foal to Make Reservations (Tapit)

ROMANOVA is by **BURNING ROMA**, a Grade 1 Stakes winner of \$1,500,200.

BURNING ROMA has sired Graded Stakes winner, **Sheer Drama**, multiple stakes winner, **Little Drama** and other stakes winners **Burning Time**, **Perf** and **Queen Drama**. **BURNING ROMA** still stands at Prestige Farm in Florida.

2nd Dam REVERIE by **NIJINSKY**, one of the all-time great sires. Winner of 11 of thirteen races finishing second twice. Reverie is the Dam of 11 foals, 9 starters and 5 winners. Her progeny have produced stakes winners in the USA, Japan and Korea.

3rd Dam SLEPT ON IT by **BUCKPASSER**. **BUCKPASSER** was Hall of Fame inductee in 1970, Horse of the year in 1966, Champion 2-year old male in 1965, Champion 3-year old male in 1966, Champion Handicap male in 1966 and 1967. Leading Broodmare Sire 1983, 1984, 1988 and 1989. Won 15 consecutive races. **SLEPT ON IT** was Stakes Placed and the Dam of 10 foals, 9 starters and 8 winners. Many of her progeny have produced stakes winner and runners.

Investment Info

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COST OF OWNERSHIP IN ROMANCING THE CAT LLC

(Cover all expenses until horses 3rd Birthday)

2 1/2% = 1/4 Share \$ 1,250.00

5% = 1/2 Share \$ 2,500.00

10% = 1 Share \$ 5,000.00

Payment plan available

*APPROXIMATE COST FOR ONE MONTH

(If needed after 3 years old)

2 1/2% = 1/4 Share \$ 100.00

5% = 1/2 Share \$ 200.00

10% = 1 Share \$ 400.00

*Actual invoices provided upon request



1-1/2 months old - with his Dam, Romanova

About Us

Bergen Stables



Why Bergen Stables Instead Of Other Racing Partnerships?

Bergen Stables has their own band of broodmares we breed to. We select a sound, well conformed horse from the annually produced "stock" to give the race partnership. This allows us to keep your initial costs low because we do not purchase the horses, whether privately or at auction, and then sell them back with a mark-up attached.

If and when expenses, such as vet, board, etc., need to be paid for, there are no mark-ups applied to the costs - you get to see the actual bill.

Bergen Stables will never charge a commission! Having a \$100,000 investment purchase claimed away for \$25,000 should not reward the stable with 10% percent commission.

Management fees can also add up to a hefty sum so we don't charge them! These fees are usually charged monthly along with a percentage of purse earnings. This will keep them from paying any expenses in the partnership.

When your horse is not earning, then you are not earning! Keeping a non-competitive horse on the payroll can be quite costly. All partners will be involved in voting on race entries, if and when to geld (if you have a colt), sell and retire the racehorse.

Bergen Stables believes in fairness and wants to breathe new life into this thrilling sport.

About Us



The Places You Can Go

Majestic View Farms - Gardiner, NY

Where our foals are born and raised! Our mares live here year round.

In Front Training Center - Ghent, NY

Where the yearlings are sent for training.

Racetrack - Various

Where your racehorse will train and race. There are many tracks in the New York racing circuit. We could also venture to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Of course, with any luck, Churchill Downs in Kentucky would be the best place to watch your racehorse in the Derby.

About Us



The Things You Can See

Your horse growing up

What life on the farm is like

How horses interact with each other and their foals

A horse trying to be your best friend for a carrot or candy

The true beauty of these majestic animals

Just how smart - and emotional - horses really are

Your horse in training or just playing in the field

A horserace with anticipation of standing in the Winners Circle

All the heart and effort your horse gives during a race

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The People You Can Meet

The people who take supreme care of your horse 24 hours a day

Meet with all trainers and discuss regimen

"Friends" from around the world

Talk to Jockeys before and after races

And of course, there is always the "US" is Bergen Stables -
Sharlene and Jerry

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Bergen Stables was started because we understand what a partner wants and expects. Through our partnership experiences, we have learned the good and the bad - mostly about how it feels to pay for a share of ownership and still be left out. Communication is a must!

We offer select horses in partnerships for racing or breeding. Knowing of our experience when we were in partnerships, there is a complete understanding of what a partner should get out of being teamed up with Bergen Stables. Please know, however, the best interest of the horse will always come first and that includes letting the horse be a horse. Our horses are and will remain drug free (unless medically necessary).

Our horses are stabled in New York and love to socialize! They welcome attention from people and enjoy getting treats so you are welcome to visit with them. We find it to be therapeutic to watch the horses in the field or spend time one on one and just enjoy them. It is always especially fun when the foals arrive!

As our experience and knowledge continues to grow each day, rest assured that you or the horses will never be ignored.

Join us as we continue our journey with these magnificent animals!

BREEDING—RACING



He who takes no chances wins nothing
- Danish Proverb

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